

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY

in

*Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Products from China, India, Indonesia, Taiwan,
Thailand, and Ukraine*

Inv. Nos. 701-TA-405, 406 and 408 and 731-TA-899-901
and 906-908 (Second Review)

On February 4, 2013, the Commission determined that it should proceed to full reviews in the subject five-year reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5).

The Commission received a joint response to its Notice of Institution from seven U.S. producers of hot-rolled carbon steel products (“hot-rolled steel”). These seven U.S. producers are: AK Steel Corp.; ArcelorMittal USA, LLC; Gallatin Steel Co.; Nucor Corp.; SSAB Americas; Steel Dynamics, Inc.; and United States Steel Corp. (collectively referred to as “domestic interested parties”). The Commission found the response of these domestic producers to be individually adequate. Because these producers collectively account for a significant percentage of domestic hot-rolled steel production, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate for all reviews.

The Commission received individually adequate responses concerning the order on hot-rolled steel from Taiwan from China Steel Corporation, Chung Hung Steel Corporation, Dragon Steel Corporation, and Shang Chen Steel Co., Ltd., producers and/or exporters of the subject merchandise in Taiwan. Because these respondents collectively account for a significant share of the production of hot-rolled steel in Taiwan, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response was adequate with respect to the order on hot-rolled steel from Taiwan.

The Commission received an individually adequate response concerning the order on hot-rolled steel from Thailand from Sahaviriya Steel Industries Public Co. Ltd. (“Sahaviriya”), a producer and exporter of the subject merchandise in Thailand. Because Sahaviriya accounts for a significant share of the production of hot-rolled steel in Thailand, the Commission found that the respondent interested party group response was adequate with respect to the order on hot-rolled steel from Thailand.

Because the group and individual responses from both domestic interested parties and respondent interested parties were adequate in the reviews of the orders for Taiwan and Thailand, the Commission determined to conduct full reviews for those orders.

The Commission did not receive a substantive response from any respondent interested

party in the reviews concerning subject merchandise from China, India, Indonesia,¹ and Ukraine. Thus, it determined that the respondent interested party group response to the notice of institution for the reviews with respect to each of these countries was not adequate. However, the Commission determined to conduct full reviews with respect to the orders on hot-rolled steel from China, India, Indonesia, and Ukraine in order to promote administrative efficiency in light of its decision to conduct full reviews with respect to the orders on hot-rolled steel from Taiwan and Thailand.

A record of the Commissioners' votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's web site (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

¹The Embassy of Indonesia to the United States filed a notice of intent indicating its willingness to participate in these five-year reviews on behalf of the Government of Indonesia, but did not provide a substantive response to the notice of institution.